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# The Association of Geohazard Professionals Announce Rope Access Safety Recognition Recipients for 2018

GZA GeoEnvironmental, McMillen Jacobs Associates, Washington State Department of Transportation, and GeoStabilization International®, are inaugural recipients of AGHP's Rope Access Safety Recognition.

## Criteria for consideration included:

- lowest TRC rate
- minimum combined 85-point score in leading and trailing safety indicator categories
- lowest Days Away and Restricted duty/job Transfer case (DART) rate.

Each applicants' safety program and performance metrics were reviewed including Total Incident Rates and Lost Time / Modified Duty Rates statistics. Additionally, management involvement & commitment to the firm's safety program, written rope access safety procedures, and adherence to industry best practices were examined.

"We are very pleased to confer these inaugural recognitions," states Ahren Bichler of Trumer Schutzbauten Canada Ltd and AGHP President. "These winners are the geohazard industry's safety leaders. This recognition provides owners and procurers of work involving rope access labor confidence that our winners will perform their complex and perilous remediation tasks in a safe and professional manner. Additionally, this award process will enhance the safety attitude across our industry. Everyone benefits from our collective dedication to safety."

For more information about the Rope Access Safety Recognition, click <u>here</u>. Applications for the 2019 Safety Recognition Program will open in June 2019. To learn more about the Association of Geohazard Professionals and become a member, click here.

Ahren Bichler, President of the Association of Geohazard Professionals General Manager, Trumer Schutzbauten Canada

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## **About the Association of Geohazard Professionals**

The Association of Geohazard Professionals (AGHP) was created in 2013 to support the development of standards, specifications, and best practices concerning the design and implementation of geohazard-related technologies and products; and to support and provide education to the geohazard community and those it serves. Manufacturers, engineers, agency personnel, contractors and all others interacting with geohazards design, installation and implementation are invited to join the association and contribute to the achievement of our goals.